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1. The amendment filed on 23 February 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

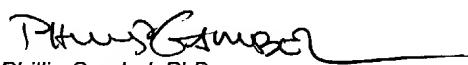
In addition, applicant's provision of a new Oath/Declaration, filed 2/23/04, is acknowledged.

Further, a signed/initialed Information Disclosure Statement, received 12/31/04, is provided herein in response to applicant's communication, received 12/3/03, requesting an initialed 1449.

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